



# Progress Report

A quarterly publication for  
P-Series friends and stakeholders

## Seven Years of Success

### *What we do*

For over seven years, The Partnership Series has been providing a dynamic suite of courses. These experiences are designed to address the critical issues of eco-system stewardship, citizen empowerment, and collaboration. The delivery in individual communities provides an opportunity to learn to live in harmony with the land.

Each course combines theory with practical, hands-on skills that can be put to work immediately. It is our vision that through training, workshops, education, consultation and services; **community-based ecosystem stewardship** can be attained.

### *Economics made easy*

Our latest course is Community Economic Assessment: Discovering Realities and Choices. This course enables you to take an economic “snapshot” of your community. You learn local data about your economy that reveals your community’s current situation. You’ll learn how to use economic tools and interpret the data to make informed decisions. This course was successfully piloted in Elko, NV and received rave reviews!

**Community-based ecosystem stewardship** is achieved when people take responsibility in caring for our natural resources and are dedicated to managing our natural environment in a way that sustains it for the future.

### *Friends Course Coming Soon*

This course will be developed soon, but is already in high demand. Friends groups are developed to help manage special areas and provide a variety of partnering resources. This course will help you assess whether the time is right to start a friends group. Should you already have a group started, the course offers tools to re-energize your existing Friends group.

### *Bringing Partnership to You*

Whether you are a citizen wanting to enhance the quality of life, a government official wanting to connect to the community, a non-profit wanting to make a difference or a corporation wanting to initiate change at the grassroots level; the Partnership Series is for you. To learn more about this enlightening experience, contact the P-Series at 602-906-5514 or visit our website at [www.ntc.blm.gov/partner](http://www.ntc.blm.gov/partner).

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## P-Series Calendar

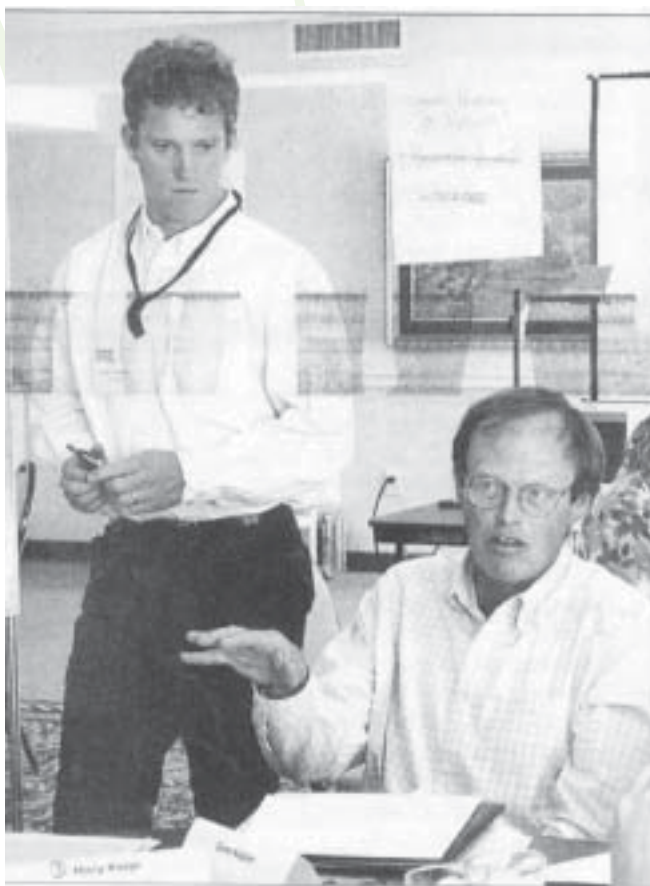
2002	Nov. 19-21	Alamosa, CO	Community-Based Partnerships
	Dec. 3-5	Lewistown, MT	Community-Based Partnerships
2003	Feb. 3-5	Billings, MT	Community-Based Partnerships
	June	Billings, MT	Community-Based Friends
	July	Goleta, CA	Community-Based Friends

# Community Economic Assessment

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Partnership Series instructor Gabe Preston (standing) listens to Resource Development Coordinator Gerald Miller during the recent pilot of the Community Economic Assessment. On September 19-21, 2002 in Elko, Nevada, 18 participants experienced the first Community Economic Assessment. Sponsors included BLM, USFS and the Elko County Economic Diversification Authority. Community Economic Assessment has now been added to the suite of Partnership Series courses.

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### Courses

#### **Community-Based Partnerships**

Recognize and Build Community Stewards  
Develop a Shared Vision that Supports the Land

#### **Learning Community**

Discover Webs of Communication  
Develop a Community Action Plan

#### **Community-Based Friends Groups**

Learn how to re-energize or build a Friends group  
Experience the power of a dynamic Friends group

#### **Community Economic Assessment**

Create a Common Understanding of Economics  
Connect the Local Economy to the Public Land

#### **The Partnership Series**

a not-for-profit partnership between  
The Nat'l Assoc. of Resource Conservation  
& Development Councils (NARC&DC) and the  
Bureau of Land Management, Nat'l Training Center

